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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 1-9 without prejudice.

Please add claims 10-37 as follows:

~~10.~~ A catheter assembly, comprising:

a handle including a handle body and a strain relief element;

an elongate catheter body defining a distal portion, a proximal portion associated with the handle, and a size and flexibility suitable for insertion into a human body; and

a control element defining a distal portion operably connected to the distal portion of the catheter body and a proximal portion extending along the exterior surface of the catheter body and secured to the strain relief element.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application:

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

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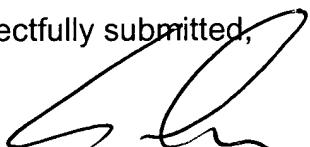
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Respectfully submitted,

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